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# CITY OF RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS NEWSLETTER

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## "BUILDING COMMUNITY DISASTER RESILIENCE"

**Community Disaster Resilience** is a measure of the sustained ability of a community **to utilize available resources** to respond to, withstand, and recover from adverse situations.

With the increase in disasters related to extreme weather, threats of violence, environmental hazards and disease outbreaks, the need for communities to plan and work together has become very important.

### WHOLE COMMUNITY APPROACH

**Community Disaster Resilience** is different from a traditional emergency preparedness which focuses on individual household preparedness to **Whole Community** engagement for planning, preparedness and response activities. It promotes including community based organizations, faith-based, and those that may need extra help following a disaster. It also involves communities working together with first responders and other government agencies to prepare, respond and recover.

### STEPS TO INCREASE RESILIENCE

- ♦ **Connect with Local Partner**

**Organizations** to learn what disaster preparation, response and recovery resources are available in your community.

- ♦ **Build a Team**, with your neighbors, and include faith group members, local police/ fire community representatives.
- ♦ **Organize a meeting with your Team** to identify emergencies or



disasters are likely to occur in your area. **Create a community emergency and disaster plan** for hazards and challenges in your community. **Identify** the expertise, needs, and skills of people in your neighborhood. **Develop strategies** to quickly recover from unexpected events.

- ♦ **Set outcome-based goals** and track your progress to those goals; example *help at least three people who may need additional assistance in preparing for emergencies*. Lastly...
- ♦ **Celebrate your successes!!**

For Emerg. Prep information visit: <http://www.riversideca.gov/readyriverside/>

# HOW READY IS YOUR BUSINESS?

## BE INFORMED

- ✓ Know what kind of emergencies might affect your company.
- ✓ Know what you will do in an emergency situation.

## DEVELOP A BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN

- ✓ Know which staff, procedures, and equipment are absolutely necessary to keep operating.
- ✓ Have back-up plans for those operations.
- ✓ Know what you will do if your building or plant is not accessible.
- ✓ Know what to do if your suppliers are affected by the disaster.
- ✓ Be ready for utility disruptions.

## PREPARE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN

- ✓ Have an evacuation and shelter-in-place plan.
- ✓ Have a plan to communicate with employees before, during, and after an incident.
- ✓ Have copies of building and site maps with utilities and emergency routes marked.
- ✓ Train your employees for medical emergencies.

## PRACTICE THE EMERGENCY PLAN

- ✓ Practice and coordinate with other businesses in your building or industrial complex.
- ✓ Review your plan often.

## REVIEW YOUR INSURANCE COVERAGE

- ✓ Review your coverage to see if you're covered in a disaster.

## SECURE YOUR FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT

- ✓ Secure entry for people, products, and supplies into your building.
- ✓ Conduct a room-by-room walk-through to determine what can be strapped down.



## IMPROVE CYBER SECURITY

- ✓ Install patches and firewalls to your computers and software.
- ✓ Update your antivirus software regularly.

## PROMOTE FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL PREPAREDNESS

- ✓ Encourage employees to have a personal emergency/disaster supply kit and a family emergency communication plan.

**AT LEAST  
ONE IN  
FOUR  
BUSINESSES  
NEVER  
REOPEN  
AFTER A  
DISASTER.**

Go to <http://www.ready.gov/business> to find more resources for your business. A **sample Business Disaster Plan** can be found at: <http://www.ready.gov/business/downloads/sampleplan.pdf>.

A suggested list for business emergency supplies is at [http://www.ready.gov/business/downloads/emergency\\_supplies.pdf](http://www.ready.gov/business/downloads/emergency_supplies.pdf).



**Every  
Business  
Should Have  
A Plan.**



# CONGRATULATIONS CERT CLASS # 62— NOVEMBER 2015

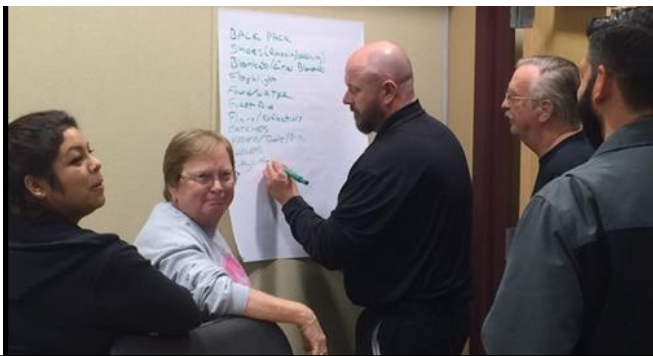


ALPHABETICAL ORDER: Carlos Acosta, Erika Aragon, Michael Arellano, Raquel Bravo, James Bronson, Julie Brown, Joseph Bunker, Mark Del Mar, Ahmed Elaqouz, Nancy English, Kuuielani Franco, Ryan Horner, Jenny Jiacomia, Betty Lane, James Lane, Mark Lewis, Loretta Lewis, Sam Lewis, Luther Mangoba, Anabel Mulhern, Ryan Mulhern, Richard Olquin, Gail Ott, William Taylor, Fabiola Velazquez, Oscar Verino, Neil von Koehe, Robin von Koehe, Patricia Zagata

Thank You to Past CERT Members who helped out with Check in, 'victims' and other tasks as needed:

**Carol Crouch, Matt Fuller, Lorena Jana, Kim Sabatello, Alysia Webb**

CERT Instructors: Fire Captain John Peurifoy, Emergency Services Administrator Tony Coletta, Firefighter Wayne Hess, K-9 Handler Peter Sellas, CERT Program Manager Gina Perez,



Raquel, Patty, Mark, William and Joseph complete a list of emergency supplies for your car.



Markings help others know what's been searched so no duplication of efforts or wasted resources



CERT Participants use the PASS System to extinguish the fire in the Final Drill

## CERT ADV. TRAINING - DISASTER SEARCH DOGS



On Sat. Oct. 17 CERT Instructor FEMA K-9 Search Specialist Peter Sellas assisted by his Live Find dog BLUE, provided an orientation on how "Live Find and Cadaver" Search



Dogs are trained and how they are utilized in disasters to help with search & recovery operations. Good information for CERT Volunteers to know if they are called to assist at a disaster where search dogs are used. Thanks to all that attended.

## CERT ADV. TRAINING - ACTIVATION CHECKLIST

On Wed. Oct 21, Emergency Services Administrator Tony Coletta and CERT Prog. Mngr. Gina Perez, provided a Refresher Class on Deployment Checklist, discussion was to better prepare our CERT Volunteers should we need to activate a CERT Volunteer Response during the anticipated record breaking winter storm season. Thanks to all that attended.



## US DISTRICT COURT— EMERGENCY PREP FAIR

On Wed. Oct 21, Comm. Preparedness Coord. Gina Perez & CERT Volunteers; Joe Hamlin, Margo Miley and David Bell were invited to participate in the Emerg Prep Fair held at the US District Courts Building, Downtown Riverside. Gina conducted an Emergency Preparedness Presentation to Court Employees.





## Promoting Preparedness in Riverside

On Oct 7, Community Preparedness Coord. **Gina Perez** and CERT Volunteers, **Claudia Kwiecien, Margo Miley Joe Hamlin, Larry Hernandez, Catherine Hendon and David Bell** staffed a table at the 50 & Better Safety Fair. They provided info on Emergency Preparedness, and showed people how to do utility shut offs in an emergency. They also explained the new guidelines on smoke alarms.



Fifty and Better  
HEALTH FAIR



Claudia, Margo, Joe, Larry, Catherine, David

## CERT ADV. TRAINING - HAZ MAT SAFETY

On NOV. 18 at our CERT ADVANCED TRAINING - "HAZ-MAT SAFETY OPERATIONS" **Tony Coletta, Emergency Services Administrator** conducted our refresher training. We reviewed safety operations and how every day products that we use at home or work, if combined, could be very dangerous. Tony explained that products have Material Safety Data Sheets that are available to consumers that explain how to manage storage of their products and if contamination occurs - how to treat injuries.

In CERT Basic -Unit 2 Fire Safety we learned that the NFPA Diamond Placard is a "STOP SIGN" to CERT Members.



### HAVE YOU BEEN WITH CERT FOR MORE THAN 5 YEARS?

**Disaster Service Worker (DSW) forms** signed on the First Day of the CERT Training expire at 5 years. A new DSW form is required before CERT members can participate in any training activities or events.



If it's been 5 years since your Basic Course, contact **Gina Perez, CERT Program Manager** at [gperez@riversideca.gov](mailto:gperez@riversideca.gov) to complete a new form.



## American Red Cross Riverside County Chapter & Riverside Fire Department HOME FIRE PREPAREDNESS CAMPAIGN



- ♦ Six times per day, someone dies in a home fire in the United States. Injuries due to home fires occur every 90 seconds.
- ♦ A fire department is called to a home fire almost 1,000 times every day.
- ♦ Sadly, the numbers have remained about the same over the course of the last 20 years.



To make a change in these devastating numbers, the **American Red Cross** launched a **Home Fire Preparedness Campaign**. This 5 year campaign is intended to reduce the number of deaths and injuries due to fire in the U.S. by 25 percent.

**On SAT. OCT. 24, 2015** The **City of Riverside Fire Department** in cooperation with the **American Red Cross of Riverside** conducted a Smoke Alarm Installation Project in the neighborhood area near Nichols Park on Dewey Ave. **400+ HOMES WERE CANVASSED - 173 SMOKE ALARMS INSTALLED - TOTAL VOLUNTEERS 120 - TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS 500**

The project was coordinated to help save lives by reducing the risks of home fires. Volunteers from the Red Cross of Riverside, Riverside CERT, Riverside Fire Explorers and multiple Community Organizations installed FREE smoke alarms and worked with residents on how to create a home evacuation plan and what actions to take should a fire occur. CERT Riverside Emergency Communications Group (RECG) provided Radio Communications for the Volunteer Teams to monitor their locations to maintain their safety. The risk of dying in reported home structure fires is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms. (NFPA 2014) . Great Project!





## HOME FIRE PREPAREDNESS CAMPAIGN THANKS RED CROSS - RIVERSIDE CERT & FIRE EXPLORER POST #101 VOLUNTEERS



### Riverside CERT Volunteers:

Omar Acosta, Santiago Arteaga, David Bell, Paul Braiman, Henry Bravo, Carol Crouch, Shari Fleishman, Ray Gayton-Jacob, Debbie Gonzalez, Jim Hwang, Rick Schirmer, Katrina Schirmer, Dave Sparks, Mary Van Doren, Terry Welker

### Riverside Fire Explorer Post #101;

Lucio Chavez, Harrison Colunga, Donovan Hayes, Sebastian Juarez, Olivia Martinez, Tyler Meredith, Dillon Milhalik, Vicente Morales, Michael Ramos.



Riverside Fire Explorer Post #101



Mary, Gina, Carol, Katrina, Debbie, Terry





## Riverside Festival of Lights "Switch on Ceremony" Friday, Nov. 27, 2015



**CERT Members** volunteered **over 180 hours** to the Riverside Festival of Lights "Switch on Ceremony" Tasks included Traffic/Crowd Safety and Safeguarding Barricaded areas. With thousands of people in attendance CERT Volunteers maintained a professional positive attitude! We received lots of positive comments from the community about how courteous and helpful our CERT Members were. Another great job by Riverside CERT!



Alysia & Richard



Catherine S. & Catherine H.



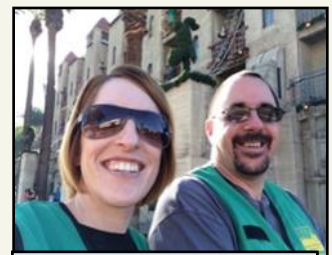
Vince & David



Rudy & Kay



Joyce & John



Wendy & Jonathan



Maria & Chamber Volunteers



Andrea



Lisa



Kaye

### CERT VOLUNTEERS NOT PICTURED:

Brenda Gonzalez, Susan Ewald, Darin Miller, Al Palacio, Jeremy Subriar





## Riverside Festival of Lights "Switch on Ceremony" Friday, Nov. 27, 2015



Kim, Jean, Ronald



Larry



Mark & Tony



Katrina, Michelle, Ray, Rick Dave, Omar



Anna, Greg, Carol, Jean, Ray, Ronald



Greg & Gina



Santa & Alysia



Santa & Kaye



## 2015 CERT Year End Celebration!



ON Dec. 9, we held our **2015 CERT Year End Meeting/ Volunteer Recognition** at the Orangecrest Club. CERT Members who attended each received a CERT pouch, Light Source, and a CERT FOG along with a utility tool donated by CERT Members John & Gradie Hernandez. **Fire Chief Michael Moore presented Certificates of Recognition to the top 3 CERT 2015 Volunteers; Rick Schirmer, Ray Gayton-Jacob, and David Bell.** Thank you for your dedication! , CERT Members, **Margo Miley, Larry Hernandez, Anna Hauldren, Debbie Gonzalez, Carol Crouch** were also recognized for their volunteer service, along with (**Vince Rosse, Joe Hamlin and Kim Sabatello** - who were unable to attend) **CERT Emergency Communication Group** was also recognized, thanks you **Rick, Ray, Dave, David, Omar and Paul** for all your hard work. Many thanks to CERT Volunteers who helped with setup and cleanup and a special thank you to the Riverside City Firefighters' Association and the Orangecrest Club Manager CERT Member **Phyllis DeLapp** for donating the use of their Clubhouse again this year for our Celebration. **THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO CERT!!!**



**Ray Gayton- Jacob & Chief Moore**  
Certificate of Recognition for his dedication to the CERT Program.



**David Bell & Chief Moore**  
Certificate of Recognition for his Outstanding work & dedication to the CERT Program.



**Rick Schirmer & Chief Moore**  
Certificate of Recognition for his dedication to the CERT Program



**BC Bruce Vanderhorst, Capt. John Peurifoy  
Emerg Services Admin Tony Colette, CERT Prog Mnger.  
Gina Perez, Chief Michael Moore, BC Jennifer McDowell**



**Irene, Joyce, Rudy, Jim, Harvey,  
Jim Kay, Greg**



**Norma, Kay, Misty, Peter**



**Sandy & Don Bower & Family**



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## SAVE THE DATE: CERT ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES

### Community Emergency Response Team 20-Hour Basic Course Training

**FEB. 2016** Riverside City Employees

Dates: FEB 2,4,9,11,16,18,23

Must attend all dates for

FEMA Certificate & CERT BACKPACK

**CPR & (AED) Training**

(ACTIVE CERT MEMBERS ONLY MUST HAVE  
VOLUNTEERED AT LEAST 4 HRS WITHIN  
LAST 6 MONTHS)

• Fees \$10. AHA CARD

DATE Feb 20 Sat 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Riverside Fire EOC Training Center

### MARCH 2016 CERT 20 Hour Basic Course

Riverside Fire EOC Training Center

Dates: • March 4, Fri. 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

• March 5, Sat. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

• March 6, Sun. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Must attend all dates for

FEMA Certificate & CERT BACKPACK

Online Registration at:

[http://riversideca.gov/fire/specialprograms/](http://riversideca.gov/fire/specialprograms/cert/forms/CertRegisterTrainingBasic.aspx)  
[cert/forms/CertRegisterTrainingBasic.aspx](http://riversideca.gov/fire/specialprograms/cert/forms/CertRegisterTrainingBasic.aspx)

Course fee \$15.00.

### CERT ADVANCED TRAINING

#### RIVERSIDE CERT Members Only

CERT Adv. Training - ACTIVE SHOOTER

COMMUNITY RESPONSE- RUN HIDE FIGHT

Feb. 17, Wed. 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Riverside Fire EOC Training Center

CERT Adv. Training- **Wilderness Search**

March 26, Saturday

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Location To be Announced

Register online for CERT Adv. Trainings

[www.riversideca.gov/readyriverside/](http://www.riversideca.gov/readyriverside/cert/)  
[cert/](http://www.riversideca.gov/readyriverside/cert/)

### CERT Volunteers Needed

#### RIVERSIDE AIRPORT AIRSHOW

SATURDAY APRIL 2, 2016

6951 Flight Rd. Riverside, CA 92504

Help with Staffing a CERT/ Emergency

Preparedness booth - **SHIFTS AVAILABLE**

Shift #1 - 7:00 am to 10:00 am

Shift #2 - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Shift #3 - 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

To volunteer contact Gina Perez

directly at : [gperez@riversideca.gov](mailto:gperez@riversideca.gov)

### February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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### March 2016

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### April 2016

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## IMPORTANT

Have you moved or changed your email address or phone number?

Give us a call (951.320.8112) or send

Gina Perez an email

([gperez@riversideca.gov](mailto:gperez@riversideca.gov)) and update  
your contact information.

